

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of New Mexico

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
V.

Rita Tereza Snyder

Judgment in a Criminal Case

(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

Case Number: 1:08CR00823-003JB

USM Number: 40571-051

Defense Attorney: Charles Knoblauch, Appointed

THE DEFENDANT:

- pleaded guilty to count(s) **Information**
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s)
- after a plea of not guilty was found guilty on count(s)

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<i>Title and Section Nature of Offense</i>	<i>Offense Ended</i>	<i>Count Number(s)</i>
18 U.S.C. Sec. 4 Misprision of a Felony	04/04/2008	

The defendant is sentenced as specified in pages 2 through **5** of this judgment. The sentence is imposed under the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count .
- Count dismissed on the motion of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid.

July 8, 2009

Date of Imposition of Judgment

/s/ James O. Browning

Signature of Judge

Honorable James O. Browning
United States District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

December 15, 2009

Date Signed

Defendant: **Rita Tereza Snyder**
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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of **15 months and 3 days or time served, whichever is less**.

Defendant Rita Snyder's offense level is 16, and her criminal history is category I. Her advisory guidelines sentence range is 21 to 27 months. The Court has considered the guideline range established for the applicable category of offense committed by the applicable category of defendant. The Court has also taken into consideration other sentencing goals. Specifically, the Court has also considered the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1)-(7).

The Court believes that a sentence of 15 months and 3 days, or time served, whichever is less, reflects the seriousness of the offense that Snyder has committed and will promote respect for the law, provide just punishment, and afford adequate deterrence. While the sentence varies from the suggested range under the Sentencing Guidelines, it is a more reasonable sentence and more faithfully promotes the sentencing goals Congress laid down in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Snyder's role in the offense was very minor. Although the Court recognizes that Snyder has received a substantial benefit in her plea agreement with the United States -- by pleading guilty to misprision of a felony when she and her co-Defendants were charged with conspiracy and possessing with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine -- the Court believes that some variance is nonetheless necessary to account for Snyder's minimal role in transporting drugs. She played almost no active role in the transportation and had little knowledge about what was occurring. The Court believes that something more along the lines of an offense level 14, which under the guidelines would be a recommended sentence of 15 to 21 months, is appropriate for someone with such a minimal level of criminality. A sentence of 15 months and 3 days, or time served, appropriately balances the sentencing factors here.

A sentence within the guidelines range would be excessive here and would contravene Congress' command that courts impose sentences that are sufficient but not greater than is necessary to comply with the purposes of punishment set forth in the Sentencing Reform Act. The Court recognizes the seriousness of the offense Snyder committed, but believes that the sentence it imposes sufficiently takes that into account. A longer sentence would be unnecessarily punitive and would not serve any useful purpose. The sentence the Court imposes varies from the guidelines, but in these circumstances, such a sentence more effectively promotes the goals outlined in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

- The court makes these recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant must surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
 - at on
 - as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant must surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
 - before 2 p.m. on
 - as notified by the United States Marshal
 - as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Service Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment by:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

at _____ with a Certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

Deputy United States Marshal

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of **1 year**.

The defendant shall report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons. The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime. The defendant shall not illegally possess a controlled substance.

For offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994:

The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as directed by the probation officer.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended based on the courts determination that the defendant possesses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable).
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable).
- The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable)
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable)

If this judgment imposes a fine or a restitution obligation, it shall be a condition of probation that the defendant pay any such fine or restitution that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release in accordance with the Schedule of Payments set forth in the Criminal Monetary Penalties sheet of this judgment.

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below). The defendant shall also comply with the additional conditions on the attached page (if indicated below).

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall obtain and maintain full time, legitimate employment, or attend a vocational or academic training program throughout the term of supervised release as directed by the probation officer;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court;
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement;

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant shall not possess, have under her control, or have access to any firearm, ammunition, explosive device, or other dangerous weapons, as defined by federal, state, or local law.

The defendant must participate in and successfully complete a substance abuse treatment program which may include drug testing, outpatient counseling, or residential placement. The defendant is prohibited from obstructing or attempting to obstruct or tamper, in any fashion, with the collection, efficiency and accuracy of any substance testing device or procedure. The defendant may be required to pay a portion of the cost of treatment and/or drug testing as determined by the Probation Office.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the following total criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments.

The Court hereby remits the defendant's Special Penalty Assessment; the fee is waived and no payment is required.

Totals:

Assessment	Fine	Restitution
\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Payments shall be applied in the following order (1) assessment; (2) restitution; (3) fine principal; (4) cost of prosecution; (5) interest; (6) penalties.

Payment of the total fine and other criminal monetary penalties shall be due as follows:

The defendant will receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

A In full immediately; or

B \$ immediately, balance due (see special instructions regarding payment of criminal monetary penalties).

Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties: Criminal monetary penalties are to be made payable by cashier's check, bank or postal money order to the U.S. District Court Clerk, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 unless otherwise noted by the court. Payments must include defendant's name, current address, case number and type of payment.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if this judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties shall be due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalty payments, except those payments made through the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are to be made as directed by the court, the probation officer, or the United States attorney.